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SUBJECT: CABINET CHANGES: NEW DEFENSE MINISTER?

1. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS AS YET BEEN NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, PRESS REPORTS INDICATE SOURCES IN PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARIAT INDICATE RICARDO GUARDO WILL BE THE NEW MINISTER OF DEFENSE. CLARIN QUOTES GUARDO, IN ROME, AS SAYING HE HAS BEEN OFFERED POST AND HAS ACCEPTED. SOURCES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, MOREOVER, CONFIRM THAT GUARDO HAS BEEN CALLED HOME FROM HIS POST AS AMBASSADOR TO THE HOLY SEE AND WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE TODAY.

2. GUARDO'S IS A LOGICAL APPOINTMENT. AN OLD-LINE PERONIST (HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES FROM 1946-48), GUARDO IS CLOSE TO EX-DEFENSE MINISTER SAVINO AND TO RAUL LASTIRI.

3. ACCORDING TO MORNING PRESS, THREE CINCS LEARNED OF GUARDO'S IMMINENT APPOINTMENT THROUGH THE NEWSPAPERS. IF TRUE, THIS IS NOT LIKELY TO SIT TOO WELL WITH THEM.

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